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SUBJ: CSCE: CBMS: AMPHIBIOUS AND AIRBORNE TROOPS

REF: GENEVA 4295

1. APART FROM QUESTION IN REFTEL NOTAL, TURKISH REP
IN ALLIED CAUCUS IS STILL PRESSING FOR A SEPARATE,
LOWER THRESHOLD FOR NOTIFICATION OF AMPHIBIOUS AND
AIRBORNE MANEUVERS. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT US
CANNOT ACCEPT ANY SPECIAL REFERENCE TO INDEPENDENT
NAVAL OR AIR MANEUVERS, NOR TO INDEPENDENT AMPHIBIOUS
OR AIRBORNE MANEUVERS, TURKS HAVE NOW PROPOSED A
SUBSTHRESHOLD REQUIRING NOTIFICATION FOR COMBINED
MANEUVERS ONLY, WHEN THEY INVOLVE MORE THAN ONE BRIGADE
OF AMPHIBIOUS OR AIRBORNE TROOPS. TURKISH REP PROPOSED
FOLLOWING TEXT IN CAUCUS ON JUNE 10:

BEGIN QUOTE: "IN THE SAME CONTEXT, FOR THE PURPOSE
OF NOTIFICATION OF COMBINED MANEUVERS, THE TERM "MAJOR"
WILL, HOWEVER, BE UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN THAT THIS LEVEL
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IS REACHED WHENEVER MORE THAN ONE BRIGADE OF

AMPHIBIOUS OR AIRBORNE TROOPS, SINGLY OR COMBINED, IS INVOLVED IN THE MANEUVERS. END QUOTE.
IF ACCEPTED, TURKS SAID TEXT WOULD BE INSERTED AFTER DEFINITION OF ".MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVER."

2. US AND OTHER ALLIES SAID THEY WOULD NEED INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMMENT ON THIS NEW PROPOSAL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: TURKISH PROPOSAL STEMS DIRECTLY FROM TURKISH MILITARY VIEW THAT SOVIETS COULD TAKE BOSPHORUS WITH TWO BRIGADES OF AMPHIBIOUS OR AIRBORNE TROOPS AND SUPPORTING FORCES. SINCE IT IS SO DIRECTLY AIMED AT SOVIETS ALONE, WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL GET VERY FAR AT THIS STAGE OF CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT GUIDANCE ON WHETHER OR NOT PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE FROM US STANDPOINT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT RAMIFICATIONS FOR US FORCES. DALE

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